(இ) இத்திட்டத்திற்கு 1963–64-ல் அரசு செலவழித்த தொகை எவ்வளவு ?

ப—

(அ) இல்லை.

(இ) ரூ. 82·49 லட்சம்.

(a) No.

(b) Rs. 82·49 lakhs.

Lease of building at Pudukkottai

61 *Q.*—SRI A. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have leased the building at Pudukkottai known as the Ladies Club, the Officer's Club;

(*b*) if so, when and under what terms ;

(*c*) whether a deputation of ladies met the Chief Minister on 9th July 1964 at Pudukkottai and urged the restoration of the building for the use of the Ladies Club; and

(*d*) if so, action taken thereon.

A.—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The lease in favour of the Officer's Club was initially ordered in 1954 and renewed in 1959. The lease was sanctioned subject to the usual conditions under B.S.O. 24-A and subject to the payment of a lease rent of Re. 1 per annum.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(அ) ஆம்.

(இ) ஆபீசர்ஸ் கிளப் பெயரில் இந்தக் குத்தகை முதலில் 1954-ல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. 1959-ல் அது மீண்டும் புதுப்பிக்கப்பட்டது. B.S.O. 24-ன் கீழுள்ள மாமூல நிபந்தனைகளுக்குட்பட்டும், ஆண்டு ஒன்றுக்கு குத்தகை வாடகை ரூ. 1 கட்டவேண்டுமென்கிற நிபந்தனைக்குட்பட்டும் அது குத்தகைக்கு விடப்பட்டது.

(உ) இல்லை.

(எ) இக்கேள்விக்கு இடமில்லை.

[*Note.*— An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FAILURE OF THE PISANAM MAIN PADDY CROP IN SHENCOTTAH AND TENKASI TALUKS OF TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the complete failure of the Pisanam main paddy crop in Shencottah and Tenkasi taluks in Tirunelveli district and the necessity (i) to open fair price shops and issue family cards in all the villages in the above taluks, (ii) to postpone collection of kist and loan amounts in the above taluks and (iii) to withdraw the levy system of procurement.

31st March 1965]

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, the cultivated extent of 'Pisanam' paddy crop in Shencottah was 7,217 acres. The area under single crop was 455 acres and the rest under double crop. The crop has completely failed in 2,745 acres and the crop is likely to wither in 3,036 acres. The 'Kar' crop was successful in Shencottah taluk.

In Tenkasi taluk, 'Pisanam' paddy crop was cultivated over an extent of 27,176 acres. The crop has completely failed in 12,005 acres and the crop is likely to wither in 8,159 acres. The extent of cultivation of double crop was 23,214 acres. The 'Kar' crop was successful in this taluk also.

There is no case for the postponement of collection of land revenue or loan amounts in these taluks. However, remission has been granted on wet lands in Tenkasi taluk where crops have failed. In Shencottah taluk, the question of remission on the assessment of wet lands does not arise, as basic tax has been levied in that taluk.

Rice is distributed on family card system in Shencottah Municipality and in Tenkasi and Kadayanallur Town Panchayats in Tenkasi taluk. The distribution is made on the basis of 8 ounces per adult per day. *Ad hoc* supply is made to deficit pockets in rural parts through co-operatives and retailers. A total supply of 28 tonnes of rice is made every week to Shencottah taluk and 105 tonnes of rice is supplied to Tenkasi taluk every week.

Under the levy scheme, very low targets have been fixed consistent with the expected low yield of paddy. The target fixed for procurement of paddy is 550 tonnes in Tenkasi taluk and 100 tonnes in Shencottah taluk. One hundred and thirty tonnes of paddy have so far been procured in Shencottah taluk and 109 tonnes in Tenkasi taluk. It is not considered necessary to withdraw the graded levy scheme now in force in these areas.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) NOMINATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that under Rule 214 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate the following Members of the Assembly to be members of the Committee on Government Assurances for the year 1965–66 :—

(1) Sri A. RAGHAVA REDDI.

(2) Sri A. ARUMUGAM.

(3) Sri A. S. DAKSHINAMOORTHY GOUNDER.

(4) Sri S. NANJUNDA RAU.

(5) Sri RAMA. ARANGANNAL.

(6) Sri N. SOUNDARAPANDIAN.

(7) Sri A. SWAMIDHAS.